

39. (Once amended) An isolated heterodimer comprising the isolated polypeptide of claim 31.

40. (Once amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) an amino acid sequence comprising residues m to 371 of SEQ ID NO:2, where m is an integer in the range of +2 to +370;

(b) an amino acid sequence comprising residues 1 to n of SEQ ID NO:2, where n is an integer in the range of +2 to +371; and

(c) an amino acid sequence comprising residues m to n of SEQ ID NO:2, where m is an integer in the range of +2 to +370 and n is an integer in the range of +2 to +371, and wherein said amino acid sequence comprises at least seven contiguous amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO:2.

Remarks

Claims 24 to 101 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 13, 17-19, 22 and 23 have been canceled and claims 38-40 have been amended. Applicants expressly assert that these claims were canceled and amended for the sole purpose of facilitating prosecution or to more clearly define the invention claimed by the Applicant.

No new matter has been added by way of the amendments to the claims.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejects claims 38 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

More particularly, the Examiner contends that "a heterodimer could comprise the polypeptide, but not the opposite."